LOUISVILLE METRO COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Public Safety Meeting Wednesday, February 3, 2010 5:05 P.M. Third Floor, City Hall

Present: Chair: CM Kramer
Vice Chair: CM Green

Members: CM Tandy, (5:10) CM Hamilton, CM Henderson, CM Benson,

and CM Engel

Also Present: CM Welch

Chairman Kramer began the meeting by introducing the members and non-members of the committee that were present. A quorum was established.

Pending Legislation

R-24-01-10 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE KENTUCKY SUPREME COURT AND THE JEFFERSON COUNTY DISTRICT COURT GENERAL TERM TO CREATE TWO (2) SEPARATE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURT DOCKETS.

Status: In-Committee
Committee: Public Safety
Primary Sponsor: Vicki Aubrey Welch

Motion to Approve made by Stuart Benson and seconded by Cheri Bryant Hamilton.

Discussion: CM Welch spoke stating there are many reasons to support this resolution. One in four women will experience domestic violence in their lifetime. 30% to 60% of perpetrators of partner violence also abuse the children in their household. Witnessing the violence between the parents or caretakers is the strongest risk factor of transmission of violent behavior to future generations. The Council allocated \$34,500 in funds to the Domestic Violence Intake Center in 2009. CM Welch introduced Mike O'Connell, Jefferson County Attorney; and Susan Ely, Division Chief of the Jefferson County Attorney's Office in the Domestic Violence unit, who were present to speak and answer questions.

Mr. O'Connell gave a short background on the possible reorganization of the Court system.

The following was discussed:

- Two separate domestic violence dockets
- Different types of Court
- Most are male verses female in domestic violence cases
- Domestic Violence Courts focus primarily on the victim not the offender
- Domestic Violence Courts do not focus on rehabilitation of the offenders but on the accountability of the offender
- Most common reasons Court sites for implementing specialized processes for Domestic Violence cases
 - Improved assistance to victims
 - Enhanced victim safety
 - Increased batterer accountability
- Metro Police Domestic calls
- Counseling
- The Mary Byron Center
- Center for Women and Families
- Men's Work Incorporated
- Protection of Victims
- This Resolution Is not unanimously embraced by the Judges of the Courts
- Possibility of Judges being assigned to certain Courts will be debatable
- How Judges are assigned
- Domestic Violence vs. Specialty Courts

- Possible screening process
- Functionality
- Oversight of the Program
- There will be no extra cost to have two separate dockets
- Offenders will have the same Judge through the whole process so the offenders will be held more accountable
- Process of where the Resolution goes after the Council adopts it
 - Goes to the general term of the District Court and the Judges
 - District Judges should get a copy of the Resolution if passed
- Councilman could write or call the Judges and give support of the Resolution
- Domestic Violence Court is hard and time consuming and some Judges do not want to get involved with it

Everyone on the Committee was added as Co Sponsors.

By voice vote, this Resolution passed unanimously but was sent to **Old Business** so other Council Members could sign on as Co Sponsors if they wish.

O-05-01-10 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 113.22(E) OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT CODE OF ORDINANCES ("LMCO") PERTAINING TO CONDITIONS GOVERNING LICENSES OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

Status: In-Committee
Committee: Public Safety
Primary Sponsor: Madonna Flood

Motion to Approve made by Judy Green and seconded by Stuart Benson.

Discussion: Chairman Kramer stated this is an ordinance amending section 113.22 (E) of the Louisville Metro Code of Ordinances by adding the words <u>or used</u>.

This Ordinance was sent to the Consent Calendar.

VOTING RESULTS: For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0

For: Judy Green, David Tandy, Cheri Bryant Hamilton, Kevin Kramer, Robert Henderson, Stuart Benson, Robin

Engel

Against: (None) Abstain: (None) Absent: (None)

O-224-12-09 A ORDINANCE REPEALING § 91.022 AND AMENDING § 91.011 OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO ANIMAL WELFARE AND CONTROL

Status: In-Committee Committee: Public Safety

Primary Sponsor: Cheri Bryant Hamilton

Discussion: This Ordinance was Held in Committee.

R-28-01-10 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE KENTUCKY LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION (LRC) STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF MERGING THE JEFFERSON COUNTY, KY SUBURBAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS WITH THE LOUISVILLE DIVISION OF FIRE.

Status: In-Committee
Committee: Public Safety
Primary Sponsor: Dan Johnson

Discussion: This Resolution was Held in Committee.

R-19-01-10 A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO REQUIRE THAT ANY COMPOUND, MIXTURE OR PREPARATION CONTAINING ANY EPHEDRINE, PSEUDOEPHEDRINE, OR PHENYLPROPANOLAMINE, THEIR SALTS OR OPTICAL ISOMERS, ONLY BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC THROUGH A PRESCRIPTION AUTHORIZED BY A MEDICALLY LICENSED PHYSICIAN.

Status: In-Committee
Committee: Public Safety
Primary Sponsor: Vicki Aubrey Welch

Additional Sponsor:

Rick Blackwell Robert Henderson Cheri Bryant Hamilton

Discussion: This Resolution was Held in Committee.

Motion to Adjourn made by Robin Engel and seconded by David Tandy. Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 P.M.

*NOTE: Items sent to the Consent Calendar or Old Business will be heard before the full Council at the Metro Council Meeting on February 11, 2010.

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